FISCAL NOTE

HJR 667

February 5, 2002

SUMMARY OF BILL:

- Recognizes and commends the Department of Agriculture, Division of Forestry for having qualified for certification under the Forest Stewardship Council program as well as meeting preliminary qualifications for proceeding with the Sustainable Forestry Initiative certification process as a model for promoting the highest standards for forest resource management.
- Urges and encourages the Department of Agriculture, Division of Forestry, and the Tennessee Forestry Commission to consider techniques for demonstrating and interpreting the State's progress in achieving certification and verification of sustainable forest management as a means to promote such practices on private forest land in Tennessee.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

MINIMAL

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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